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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MATHIES, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/199,655)
Filed: November 25, 1998)
For: MICROPLATE SAMPLE AND)
REAGENT LOADING SYSTEM)

Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Bex, P.

**REQUEST FOR FILING OF CONTINUATION APPLICATION AS
CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.53(d))**

Box CPA
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

1. [X] The applicant hereby requests the filing of a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), Continued Prosecution Application (CPA), of the above-identified parent application.
2. [X] Statement of Copendency: The parent application is under non-final rejection by virtue of an Office Action mailed August 29, 2000. The time of response to the Office Action is November 29, 2000. Accordingly, there is copendency between the parent and this CPA.
3. [X] A Preliminary Amendment responsive to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2000 is being filed concurrently herewith.
4. The filing fee is calculated as follows and is based on the number of claims pending after entry of the Preliminary Amendment:

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A	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	20 - 20* =	0	X \$9 or X \$18	\$0
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE**	3 - 3* =	0	X \$40 or X \$80	\$0
C	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)				\$0
D	SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$135.00 MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$270.00				\$0
E	SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$355.00 BASIC FEE *LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$710.00				\$710
F	TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)				\$710

5. [X] A check covering the filing fee in the amount of \$710.00 accompanies this Request.
6. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 03-3975. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
7. [X] Kindly abandon the above-identified parent application as of the filing date granted to this Continued Prosecution Application.
8. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to AFFYMETRIX, INC.
9. [X] Enclosed is a "Petition for Extension of Time" to respond to the final rejection in parent application Serial No. 09/199,655. That Petition and the associated extension fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

10. [X] Please address all future communications to:

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